

Ponderosa Pine / Montane Grass Mosaic (15)

Location. This map class is widespread, occurring in large polygons in the western third of the mapping area. Blue grama and/or mountain muhly may form a significant understory layer.



Photosignature. As in map code 14, ponderosa pine appears as reddish-brown spots accompanied by significant black shadows. The ground between the tree crowns usually appears uniformly light gray because of a combination of grass understory and pine litter. This example is immediately north of Bonito Park. The type may contain small inclusions of map code 17 (Ponderosa Pine/Apache Plume) and map code 14 (Ponderosa Pine/Cinder).

